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INTRODUCTION

One of the main concerns of the public sector in the 1970's has been that of citizens participation in government. The primary channel through which most citizens make their voices heard is through exercising their right to vote. By exercising the right to vote citizens can contribute their input to decisions on how money will be spent, through referenda, and on who will represent them in a given office, in general elections.

The purpose of this study was to analyze the available data on voter registration and to pinpoint the areas within North Carolina where disparities in voter registration exist between Whites and Non-whites. The potential uses of this study are many, however, it is the objective of the North Carolina Human Relations Council through studies such as this, to encourage efforts to increase voter registration and thus, increase citizen participation by all of the citizens in North Carolina.

A better state of human relations exists when citizens have fair and equal opportunity to contribute toward decisions that affect or impact on their daily lives. It is the desire of the council that this study be used to motivate and impress upon each citizen their responsibility in contributing toward the overall betterment of their community and their state.



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How To Interpret This Study

In order to encourage the effective use and understanding of this study, an interpretation of what this study indicates for an example county, Hoke County, has been included.

From Table 5 - Population*, it can be seen that on July 1, 1978 Hoke County had an estimated total population of 19,834 — 8,968 White (45% of the total) and 10,866 Non-white (55% of the total). When discussing potential voter population, however, it is necessary to focus on the voting age population, or those individuals 18 years and older. Through calculations (see Methodology, P.26) it can be determined that the total voting age population of Hoke County as of July 1, 1978 was 12,879 — 6,368 White (49% of the total) and 6,511 Non-white (51% of the total). This is shown in Table 4. This indicates the total number of people who could register to vote if they desired. Next, one can examine actual voter registration figures in Table 3. Hoke County had 6,001 registered voters on April 3, 1978 — 3,313 White (55% of the total) and 2,688 Non-white (45% of the total).

Working with these figures further, one can derive the percentage of individuals who have registered to vote out of the number who could have registered (voting population). For Hoke County these calculations would look like this:

White registered voters	$\frac{3,313}{6,368} = 52\%$
Voting age Whites	
Non-white registered voters	$\frac{2,688}{6,511} = 41\%$
Voting age Non-whites	

* The population figures used in this study are projections rather than counts. They are arrived at by extrapolating estimates for July 1, 1975 to July 1, 1978, then disaggregating for age, race, and sex detail. There is uncertainty of voting age population which should be taken into account when drawing conclusions from this study.

These figures (shown in Table 1 for all of the 100 counties in North Carolina), indicate that 52% of the White voters who could register to vote have registered and that 41% of the Non-white voters who could register to vote have registered. A smaller percentage of Non-white voters (11 percentage point disparity) have registered to vote than White voters. Another interesting indication is that voter registration percentages of both White and Non-white voters are lower than the average for the State. These figures indicate a lag in total voter registration in Hoke County and an even greater lag in Non-white voter registration.

It is impossible to determine the accuracy of Voter Registration statistics which are issued by the State Board of Elections. Individual counties purge their rolls of deceased and non-resident voters at different periods, and this would have an affect on the numbers that they report to the State Board of Elections.

Due to the uncertainty inherent in the data, caution should be used in drawing or stating conclusions from this study. The results may suggest areas that warrant further study; they should not, however, be used as the sole basis for decision-making.

DISPARITY IN VOTER REGISTRATION AND MINORITY ELECTED OFFICIALS BY COUNTY

Table 1
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COUNTY	ESTIMATED		AGE POPULATION	NON-WHITE REGISTERED VOTERS AS A (%) OF NON-WHITE VOTING AGE POPULATION	DISPARITY IN (%)	POINTS	TOTAL	MINORITY ELECTED OFFICIALS					
	WHITE REGISTERED VOTERS AS A (%) OF WHITE VOTING AGE POPULATION	NON-WHITE REGISTERED VOTERS AS A (%) OF NON-WHITE VOTING AGE POPULATION						STATE	COUNTY	MUNICIPAL	JUDICIAL	EDUCATION	
Alamance	61	40			21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alexander	78	72			6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alleghany	84	44			40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anson	67	41			26	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ashe	89	22			67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Avery	67	32			35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beaufort	62	32			30	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Bertie	62	51			11	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bladen	67	58			9	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Brunswick	70	66			4	4	0	0	1	1	0	2	0
Buncombe	57	42			15	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Burke	63	54			9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cabarrus	59	46			13	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Caldwell	66	64			2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Camden	68	54			14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carteret	70	40			30	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Caswell	60	50			10	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Catawba	59	47			12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chatham	75	60			15	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Cherokee	82	72			10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chowan	70	51			19	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Clay	100 *	24			76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland	58	39			19	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Columbus	70	57			13	13	0	0	0	12	0	1	0
Craven	44	35			9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cumberland	32	22			10	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Currituck	55	55			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dare	82	59			23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davidson	62	52			10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Davie	73	63			10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Duplin	77	59			18	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Durham	68	41			27	9	1	0	2	2	0	0	4
Edgecombe	63	40			23	18	0	0	0	16	0	0	2
Forsyth	71	65			6	5	1	0	0	3	0	0	1
Franklin	63	48			15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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DISPARITY IN VOTER REGISTRATION AND MINORITY ELECTED OFFICIALS BY COUNTY

COUNTY	ESTIMATED		DISPARITY IN (%)	TOTAL	MINORITY ELECTED OFFICIALS					
	WHITE REGISTERED VOTERS AS A (%) OF WHITE VOTING AGE POPULATION	NON-WHITE REGISTERED VOTERS AS A (%) OF NON-WHITE VOTING AGE POPULATION			STATE	COUNTY	MUNICIPAL	JUDICIAL		
		POINTS								

Gaston	50	40	10	5	0	0	4	1	0
Gates	82	82	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Graham	96 *	58	38	0	0	0	0	0	0
Granville	61	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greene	74	57	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guilford	67	47	20	5	1	1	2	1	0
Halifax	67	40	27	4	0	0	1	0	3
Harnett	59	56	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
Haywood	65	38	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
Henderson	70	50	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hertford	62	66	(-4)	12	0	1	10	0	1
Hoke	52	41	11	1	0	1	0	0	0
Hyde	73	72	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iredell	63	31	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	70	58	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnston	67	46	21	1	0	0	1	0	0
Jones	67	80	(-13)	5	0	1	2	0	2
Lee	65	46	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lenior	63	34	29	2	0	0	1	0	1
Lincoln	77	73	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Macon	72	53	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madison	68	20	48	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martin	51	50	1	6	0	0	5	0	1
McDowell	60	54	6	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mecklenburg	65	41	24	6	1	1	2	1	1
Mitchell	74	25	49	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montgomery	76	50	26	1	0	0	1	0	0
Moore	66	41	25	2	0	0	1	0	1
Nash	59	39	20	3	0	0	2	0	1
New Hanover	62	37	25	1	0	0	1	0	0
Northampton	66	59	7	9	0	1	6	0	2
Onslow	30	22	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	63	52	11	5	0	1	3	0	1
Pamlico	68	63	5	9	0	0	9	0	0
Pasquotank	53	45	8	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pender	64	58	6	2	0	0	2	0	0

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DISPARITY IN VOTER REGISTRATION AND MINORITY ELECTED OFFICIALS BY COUNTY

COUNTY	ESTIMATED		DISPARITY IN (%)	TOTAL	MINORITY ELECTED OFFICIALS				
	WHITE REGISTERED VOTERS AS A (%) OF WHITE VOTING AGE POPULATION	NON-WHITE REGISTERED VOTERS AS A (%) OF NON-WHITE VOTING AGE POPULATION			STATE	COUNTY	MUNICIPAL	JUDICIAL	EDUCATION
Perquimans	64	41	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Person	67	61	6	3	0	1	1	0	1
Pitt	57	28	29	4	0	0	4	0	0
Polk	84	57	27	1	0	0	0	0	1
Randolph	61	100 *	(-39)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richmond	62	58	4	3	0	0	2	0	1
Robeson	67	65	2	12	1	0	6	0	5
Rockingham	52	79	(-27)	3	0	0	3	0	0
Rowan	60	37	23	5	0	0	5	0	0
Rutherford	62	39	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sampson	69	45	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scotland	58	36	22	3	0	1	1	0	1
Stanly	70	52	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stokes	84	64	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surry	66	68	(-2)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swain	99 *	46	53	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transylvania	79	76	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tyrrell	71	57	14	3	0	0	2	0	1
Union	53	38	15	1	0	0	1	0	0
Vance	66	55	11	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wake	63	36	27	11	1	1	5	2	2
Warren	73	46	27	5	0	0	3	0	2
Washington	67	65	2	3	0	0	2	0	1
Watauga	64	41	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wayne	52	28	24	0	0	0	2	0	1
Wilkes	72	73	(-1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson	62	39	23	3	0	0	2	0	1
Yadkin	70	78	(-8)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yancey	83	25	58	0	0	0	0	0	0

North Carolina	62	45	17	221	6	14	143	5	53
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BREAKDOWN OF NORTH CAROLINA ELECTED OFFICIALS BY RACE

OFFICE	TOTAL	WHITE	%	BLACK	%
N. C. Senate	50	48	96	2	4
N. C. House	120	116	97	4	3
County Commissioner	473	459	97	14	3
Mayor	454	444	98	10	2
Judge	691	686	99	5	1
Sheriff	100	100	100	0	0
School Board Member	758	705	93	53	7

POPULATION OF NORTH CAROLINA (projected, July 1, 1978)

WHITE	%	NON-WHITE	%
4,352,279	77	1,326,342	23

REGISTERED VOTERS

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COUNTY	TOTAL	WHITE	%	BLACK	%	INDIAN	%	NON-WHITE	%
Alamance	41,583	36,775	88	4,798	12	10	*	4,808	12
Alexander	12,530	11,743	94	779	6	8	*	787	6
Alleghany	5,554	5,469	98	85	2	0	0	85	2
Anson	9,676	6,895	71	2,781	29	0	0	2,781	29
Ashe	13,032	12,973	99.5	59	.5	0	0	59	.5
Avery	7,021	6,999	99.7	22	.3	0	0	22	.3
Beaufort	14,673	11,778	80	2,895	20	0	0	2,895	20
Bertie	8,336	4,817	58	3,519	42	0	0	3,519	42
Bladen	13,313	9,094	68	4,188	32	31	*	4,219	32
Brunswick	16,958	13,183	78	3,770	22	5	*	3,775	22
Buncombe	63,008	59,023	94	3,951	6	34	*	3,985	6
Burke	31,725	29,822	94	1,903	6	0	0	1,903	6
Cabarrus	33,371	29,666	89	3,705	11	0	0	3,705	11
Caldwell	28,057	26,500	94	1,550	6	7	*	1,557	6
Camden	2,642	1,917	73	725	27	0	0	725	27
Carteret	17,749	16,595	93	1,154	7	0	0	1,154	7
Caswell	7,747	4,765	62	2,982	38	0	0	2,982	38
Catawba	42,506	39,986	94	2,510	6	10	*	2,520	6
Chatham	15,615	12,124	78	3,491	22	0	0	3,491	22
Cherokee	10,494	10,264	98	218	2	12	*	230	2
Chowan	5,241	3,773	72	1,468	28	0	0	1,468	28
Clay	4,182	4,155	99	27	1	0	0	27	1
Cleveland	30,160	26,891	89	3,265	11	4	*	3,269	11
Columbus	24,059	17,790	74	5,796	24	473	2	6,269	26
Craven	20,464	16,048	78	4,416	22	0	0	4,416	22
Cumberland	50,129	39,502	79	10,411	21	216	*	10,627	21
Currituck	4,266	3,671	86	592	14	3	*	595	14
Dare	6,028	5,776	96	248	4	4	*	252	4
Davidson	45,507	42,284	93	3,205	7	18	*	3,223	7
Davie	11,526	10,672	93	850	7	4	*	854	7
Duplin	20,563	15,587	76	4,975	24	1	*	4,976	24
Durham	61,248	46,273	76	14,751	24	224	*	14,975	24
Edgecombe	19,566	12,887	66	6,675	34	4	*	6,679	34
Forsyth	116,247	91,728	79	24,379	21	140	*	24,519	21
Franklin	11,717	8,289	71	3,427	29	1	*	3,428	29
Gaston	55,372	50,442	91	4,930	9	0	0	4,930	9
Gates	4,980	2,642	53	2,338	47	0	0	2,338	47

* Less than .5%

REGISTERED VOTERS

COUNTY	TOTAL	WHITE	%	BLACK	%	INDIAN	%	NON-WHITE	%
Graham	4,497	4,355	97	0	0	142	3	142	3
Granville	14,189	8,991	63	5,198	37	0	0	5,198	37
Greene	6,718	4,464	66	2,254	34	0	0	2,254	34
Guilford	137,589	114,846	83	22,686	17	57	*	22,743	17
Halifax	20,896	13,924	67	6,660	32	312	1	6,972	33
Harnett	23,481	19,533	83	3,908	17	40	*	3,948	17
Haywood	21,087	20,796	99	291	1	0	0	291	1
Henderson	26,025	25,354	97	671	3	0	0	671	3
Hertford	10,602	5,851	55	4,738	45	13	*	4,751	45
Hoke	6,001	3,313	55	2,142	36	546	9	2,688	45
Hyde	2,824	1,983	70	841	30	0	0	841	30
Iredell	32,795	29,919	91	2,872	9	4	*	2,876	9
Jackson	12,863	11,959	93	205	2	699	5	904	7
Johnston	30,454	26,436	87	4,016	13	2	*	4,018	13
Jones	4,893	2,876	59	2,017	41	0	0	2,017	41
Lee	15,136	12,862	85	2,274	15	0	0	2,274	15
Lenior	21,762	16,215	75	5,540	25	7	*	5,547	25
Lincoln	21,385	19,764	92	1,621	8	0	0	1,621	8
Macon	10,465	10,360	99	103	1	2	*	105	1
Madison	9,791	9,752	99.6	39	.4	0	0	39	.4
Martin	10,985	7,359	67	3,626	33	0	0	3,626	33
McDowell	14,950	14,322	96	622	4	6	*	628	4
Mecklenburg	167,696	141,268	84	26,428	16	0	0	26,428	16
Mitchell	7,850	7,838	99.8	8	.1	4	.1	12	.2
Montgomery	9,938	8,322	84	1,616	16	0	0	1,616	16
Moore	19,360	16,798	87	2,551	13	11	*	2,562	13
Nash	25,311	19,934	79	5,352	21	25	*	5,377	21
New Hanover	40,235	34,005	85	6,186	15	44	*	6,230	15
Northampton	10,029	4,900	49	5,129	51	0	0	5,129	51
Onslow	23,715	20,491	86	3,169	14	55	*	3,224	14
Orange	33,379	29,113	87	4,266	13	0	0	4,266	13
Pamlico	4,566	3,340	73	1,224	27	2	*	1,226	27
Pasquotank	10,045	7,165	71	2,877	29	3	*	2,880	29
Pender	9,392	6,099	65	3,293	35	0	0	3,293	35
Perquimans	3,758	2,652	71	1,106	29	0	0	1,106	29
Person	12,680	9,393	74	3,242	26	45	*	3,287	26

* Less than .5%

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COUNTY	TOTAL	WHITE	%	BLACK	%	INDIAN	%	NON-WHITE	%
Pitt	27,343	22,356	82	4,956	18	31	*	4,987	18
Polk	7,997	7,379	92	618	8	0	0	618	8
Randolph	40,396	35,368	88	5,020	12	8	*	5,028	12
Richmond	17,815	13,689	77	4,087	23	39	*	4,126	23
Robeson	41,586	18,621	45	9,716	23	13,249	32	22,965	55
Rockingham	32,222	24,191	75	8,031	25	0	0	8,031	25
Rowan	38,916	35,009	90	3,864	10	43	*	3,907	10
Rutherford	22,221	20,815	94	1,399	6	7	*	1,406	6
Sampson	21,591	16,274	75	4,986	23	331	2	5,317	25
Scotland	10,372	7,634	74	2,697	26	41	*	2,738	26
Stanly	22,873	21,335	93	1,538	7	0	0	1,538	7
Stokes	17,970	16,926	94	1,044	6	0	0	1,044	6
Surry	27,087	25,968	96	1,115	4	4	*	1,119	4
Swain	6,457	5,600	87	133	2	724	11	857	13
Transylvania	12,107	11,542	95	564	5	1	*	565	5
Tyrrell	1,944	1,350	69	594	31	0	0	594	31
Union	22,648	19,971	88	2,670	12	7	*	2,677	12
Vance	14,501	9,864	68	4,637	32	0	0	4,637	32
Wake	115,926	100,634	87	15,292	13	0	0	15,292	13
Warren	6,935	3,334	48	3,437	50	164	2	3,601	52
Washington	6,969	4,533	65	2,429	35	7	*	2,436	35
Watauga	13,817	13,723	99	94	1	0	0	94	1
Wayne	27,999	21,908	78	6,091	22	0	0	6,091	22
Wilkes	29,035	27,785	96	1,250	4	0	0	1,250	4
Wilson	23,350	18,162	78	5,151	22	37	*	5,188	22
Yadkin	14,396	13,847	96	549	4	0	0	549	4
Yancey	8,700	8,622	99	78	1	0	0	78	1
North Carolina	2,357,360	1,971,790	84	367,649	15	17,921	1	385,570	16

* Less than .5%

ESTIMATED VOTING AGE POPULATION (July 1, 1978)

COUNTY	TOTAL	WHITE	%	NON-WHITE	%
Alamance	72,681	60,704	84	11,977	16
Alexander	16,159	15,073	93	1,086	7
Alleghany	6,729	6,534	97	195	3
Anson	17,047	10,311	60	6,736	40
Ashe	14,845	14,572	98	273	2
Avery	10,445	10,377	99	68	1
Beaufort	28,026	18,847	67	9,179	33
Bertie	14,683	7,775	53	6,908	47
Bladen	20,904	13,619	65	7,285	35
Brunswick	24,598	18,878	77	5,720	23
Buncombe	113,683	104,241	92	9,442	8
Burke	46,992	43,466	92	3,526	8
Carbarrus	58,207	50,207	86	8,000	14
Caldwell	42,526	40,075	94	2,451	6
Camden	4,190	2,835	68	1,355	32
Carteret	26,594	23,680	89	2,914	11
Caswell	13,933	7,958	57	5,975	43
Catawba	73,448	68,078	93	5,370	7
Chatham	21,892	16,066	73	5,826	27
Cherokee	12,823	12,505	96	318	4
Chowan	8,249	5,366	65	2,883	35
Clay	4,257	4,146	97	111	3
Cleveland	56,317	46,351	82	9,966	18
Columbus	36,293	25,352	70	10,941	30
Craven	49,451	36,776	74	12,675	26
Cumberland	172,430	124,449	72	47,981	28
Currituck	7,718	6,633	86	1,085	14
Dare	7,437	7,008	94	429	6
Davidson	74,272	68,048	92	6,224	8
Davie	15,922	14,572	92	1,350	8
Duplin	28,713	20,319	71	8,394	29
Durham	104,655	67,864	65	36,791	35
Edgecombe	37,194	20,506	55	16,688	45
Forsyth	166,867	129,298	77	37,569	23
Franklin	20,663	13,169	64	7,494	36
Gaston	112,359	99,901	89	12,458	11
Gates	6,080	3,229	53	2,851	47

ESTIMATED VOTING AGE POPULATION (July 1, 1978)

Table 4
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COUNTY	TOTAL	WHITE	%	NON-WHITE	%
Granville	23,241	14,685	63	8,556	37
Greene	9,980	6,022	60	3,958	40
Guilford	219,195	170,336	78	48,859	22
Halifax	38,329	20,699	54	17,630	46
Harnett	39,912	32,855	82	7,057	18
Haywood	32,921	32,154	98	767	2
Henderson	37,753	36,409	96	1,344	4
Hertford	16,558	9,364	57	7,194	43
Hoke	12,879	6,368	49	6,511	51
Hyde	3,890	2,729	70	1,161	30
Iredell	57,149	47,841	84	9,308	16
Jackson	18,688	17,132	92	1,556	8
Johnston	47,992	39,182	82	8,810	18
Jones	6,782	4,273	63	2,509	37
Lee	24,656	19,747	80	4,909	20
Lenior	42,242	25,872	61	16,370	39
Lincoln	27,887	25,656	92	2,231	8
Macon	14,600	14,403	99	197	1
Madison	13,075	12,985	99	90	1
Martin	17,610	10,384	59	7,226	41
McDowell	24,871	23,701	95	1,170	5
Mecklenburg	281,710	216,920	77	64,790	23
Mitchell	10,594	10,546	99.5	48	.5
Montgomery	14,181	10,961	77	3,220	23
Moore	31,554	25,266	80	6,288	20
Nash	47,221	33,597	71	13,624	29
New Hanover	71,318	54,618	77	16,700	23
Northampton	16,092	7,408	46	8,684	54
Onslow	81,748	67,228	82	14,520	18
Orange	54,295	46,020	85	8,275	15
Pamlico	6,808	4,876	72	1,932	28
Pasquotank	19,964	13,625	68	6,339	32
Pender	15,257	9,581	63	5,676	37
Perquimans	6,807	4,118	60	2,689	40
Person	19,329	13,960	72	5,369	28
Pitt	57,432	39,563	69	17,869	31
Polk	9,820	8,738	89	1,082	11

ESTIMATED VOTING AGE POPULATION (July 1, 1978)

COUNTY	TOTAL	WHITE	%	NON-WHITE	%
Randolph	62,026	58,434	94	3,592	6
Richmond	29,031	21,920	76	7,111	24
Robeson	62,944	27,785	44	35,159	56
Rockingham	56,753	46,619	82	10,134	18
Rowan	69,054	58,456	85	10,598	15
Rutherford	37,350	33,731	90	3,619	10
Sampson	35,548	23,634	66	11,914	34
Scotland	20,929	13,240	63	7,689	37
Stanly	33,334	30,348	91	2,986	9
Stokes	21,671	20,042	92	1,629	8
Surry	41,144	39,489	96	1,655	4
Swain	7,514	5,667	75	1,847	25
Transylvania	15,460	14,692	95	768	5
Tyrrell	2,930	1,889	64	1,041	36
Union	44,598	37,486	84	7,112	16
Vance	23,311	14,916	64	8,395	36
Wake	202,354	159,436	79	42,918	21
Warren	12,423	4,544	37	7,879	63
Washington	10,536	6,800	65	3,736	35
Watauga	21,599	21,371	99	228	1
Wayne	64,104	42,287	66	21,817	34
Wilkes	40,131	38,407	96	1,724	4
Wilson	42,636	29,163	68	13,473	32
Yadkin	20,479	19,777	97	702	3
Yancey	10,712	10,406	97	306	3
North Carolina	4,016,981	3,163,694	79	853,287	21

POPULATION -- PROJECTED (July 1, 1978)

Table 5
Sheet 1 of 3

COUNTY	TOTAL	WHITE	%	NON-WHITE	%
Alamance	100,470	82,207	82	18,263	18
Alexander	23,074	21,406	93	1,668	7
Alleghany	9,008	8,743	97	265	3
Anson	24,367	13,425	55	10,942	45
Ashe	20,395	20,015	98	380	2
Avery	14,824	14,732	99.4	92	.6
Beaufort	39,442	25,564	65	13,878	35
Bertie	21,115	10,198	48	10,917	52
Bladen	29,898	18,603	62	11,295	38
Brunswick	35,973	26,704	74	9,269	26
Buncombe	154,303	140,937	91	13,366	9
Burke	66,380	61,343	92	5,037	8
Cabarrus	80,718	68,224	85	12,494	15
Caldwell	61,771	57,845	94	3,926	6
Camden	6,048	3,915	65	2,133	35
Carteret	36,955	32,416	88	4,539	12
Caswell	20,095	10,832	54	9,263	46
Catawba	103,490	94,848	92	8,642	8
Chatham	30,698	21,683	71	9,015	29
Cherokee	17,725	17,185	97	540	3
Chowan	11,426	7,126	62	4,300	38
Clay	5,697	5,533	97	164	3
Cleveland	81,142	64,509	80	16,633	20
Columbus	52,228	35,240	67	16,988	33
Craven	70,364	50,882	72	19,482	28
Cumberland	249,032	176,299	71	72,733	29
Currituck	10,775	9,145	85	1,630	15
Dare	10,082	9,473	94	609	6
Davidson	104,222	94,424	91	9,798	9
Davie	22,249	20,172	91	2,077	9
Duplin	40,760	27,871	68	12,889	32
Durham	146,847	91,905	63	54,942	37
Edgecombe	54,966	28,506	51	26,910	49
Forsyth	233,568	176,582	76	56,986	24
Franklin	28,926	17,415	60	11,511	40
Gaston	160,604	141,048	88	19,556	12
Gates	8,564	4,140	48	4,424	52

POPULATION -- PROJECTED (July 1, 1978)

COUNTY	TOTAL	WHITE	%	NON-WHITE	%
Graham	6,726	6,349	94	377	6
Granville	33,007	19,779	60	13,228	40
Greene	14,736	7,947	54	6,789	46
Guilford	309,182	232,713	75	76,469	25
Halifax	55,486	27,338	49	28,148	51
Harnett	56,142	44,590	79	11,552	21
Haywood	44,673	43,638	98	1,035	2
Henderson	51,348	49,329	96	2,019	4
Hertford	23,980	12,668	53	11,312	47
Hoke	19,834	8,968	45	10,866	55
Hyde	5,523	3,665	66	1,858	34
Iredell	80,318	65,506	82	14,812	18
Jackson	25,853	23,291	90	2,562	10
Johnston	67,337	53,253	79	14,084	21
Jones	9,762	5,775	59	3,987	41
Lee	35,051	27,442	78	7,609	22
Lenior	60,156	35,068	58	25,088	42
Lincoln	39,379	35,830	91	3,549	9
Macon	19,219	18,918	98	301	2
Madison	17,492	17,373	99.3	119	.7
Martin	25,269	14,079	56	11,190	44
McDowell	34,924	33,156	95	1,768	5
Mecklenburg	401,668	299,674	75	101,994	25
Mitchell	14,092	14,037	99.6	55	.4
Montgomery	19,910	14,901	75	5,009	25
Moore	44,425	34,417	77	10,008	23
Nash	67,315	45,246	67	22,069	33
New Hanover	101,196	76,258	75	24,938	25
Northampton	23,137	9,459	41	13,678	59
Onslow	118,426	96,715	82	21,711	18
Orange	72,783	60,651	83	12,132	17
Pamlico	9,433	6,571	70	2,862	30
Pasquotank	28,333	18,636	66	9,697	34
Pender	21,629	12,891	60	8,738	40
Perquimans	9,442	5,505	58	3,937	42
Person	27,155	18,761	69	8,394	31
Pitt	80,895	53,216	66	27,679	34

POPULATION -- PROJECTED (July 1, 1978)

Table 5
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COUNTY	TOTAL	WHITE	%	NON-WHITE	%
Polk	13,157	11,499	87	1,658	13
Randolph	86,560	80,918	93	5,642	7
Richmond	41,581	30,111	72	11,470	28
Robeson	96,364	38,537	40	57,827	60
Rockingham	79,409	63,600	80	15,809	20
Rowan	93,539	78,045	83	15,494	17
Rutherford	52,096	46,334	89	5,762	11
Sampson	50,158	32,024	64	18,134	36
Scotland	30,958	18,754	61	12,204	39
Stanly	45,769	41,066	90	4,703	10
Stokes	30,617	28,189	92	2,428	4
Surry	56,874	54,392	96	2,482	4
Swain	10,560	7,637	72	2,923	28
Transylvania	21,963	20,752	94	1,211	6
Tyrrell	4,033	2,431	60	1,602	40
Union	65,276	53,323	82	11,953	18
Vance	33,474	20,212	60	13,262	40
Wake	287,311	222,676	78	64,635	22
Warren	17,565	5,645	32	11,920	68
Washington	15,692	9,497	61	6,195	39
Watauga	29,427	29,156	99	271	1
Wayne	92,460	58,895	64	33,565	36
Wilkes	56,350	53,792	95	2,558	5
Wilson	61,424	39,410	64	22,014	36
Yadkin	27,955	26,871	96	1,084	4
Yancey	14,612	14,255	98	357	2
North Carolina	5,678,621	4,352,279	77	1,326,342	23

UNREGISTERED NON-WHITE VOTERS

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Alamance	7,169	Forsyth	13,050	Onslow	11,296
Alexander	299	Franklin	4,066	Orange	4,009
Alleghany	110	Gaston	7,528	Pamlico	706
Anson	3,955	Gates	513	Pasquotank	3,459
Ashe	214	Graham	101	Pender	2,383
Avery	46	Granville	3,358	Perquimans	1,583
Beaufort	6,284	Greene	1,704	Person	2,082
Bertie	3,389	Guilford	26,116	Pitt	12,882
Bladen	3,066	Halifax	10,658	Polk	464
Brunswick	1,945	Harnett	3,109	Randolph	0 *
Buncombe	5,457	Haywood	476	Richmond	2,985
Burke	1,623	Henderson	673	Robeson	12,194
Cabarrus	4,295	Hertford	2,443	Rockingham	2,103
Caldwell	894	Hoke	3,823	Rowan	6,691
Camden	630	Hyde	320	Rutherford	2,213
Carteret	1,760	Iredell	6,432	Sampson	6,597
Caswell	2,993	Jackson	652	Scotland	4,951
Catawba	2,850	Johnston	4,792	Stanly	1,448
Chatham	2,335	Jones	492	Stokes	585
Cherokee	88	Lee	2,635	Surry	536
Chowan	1,415	Lenoir	10,823	Swain	990
Clay	84	Lincoln	610	Transylvania	203
Cleveland	6,697	Macon	92	Tyrrell	447
Columbus	4,672	Madison	51	Union	4,435
Craven	8,259	Martin	3,600	Vance	3,758
Cumberland	37,354	McDowell	542	Wake	27,626
Currituck	490	Mecklenburg	38,362	Warren	4,278
Dare	177	Mitchell	36	Washington	1,300
Davidson	3,001	Montgomery	1,604	Watauga	134
Davie	496	Moore	3,726	Wayne	15,726
Duplin	3,418	Nash	8,247	Wilkes	474
Durham	21,816	New Hanover	10,470	Wilson	8,285
Edgecombe	10,009	Northampton	3,555	Yadkin	153
				Yancey	228

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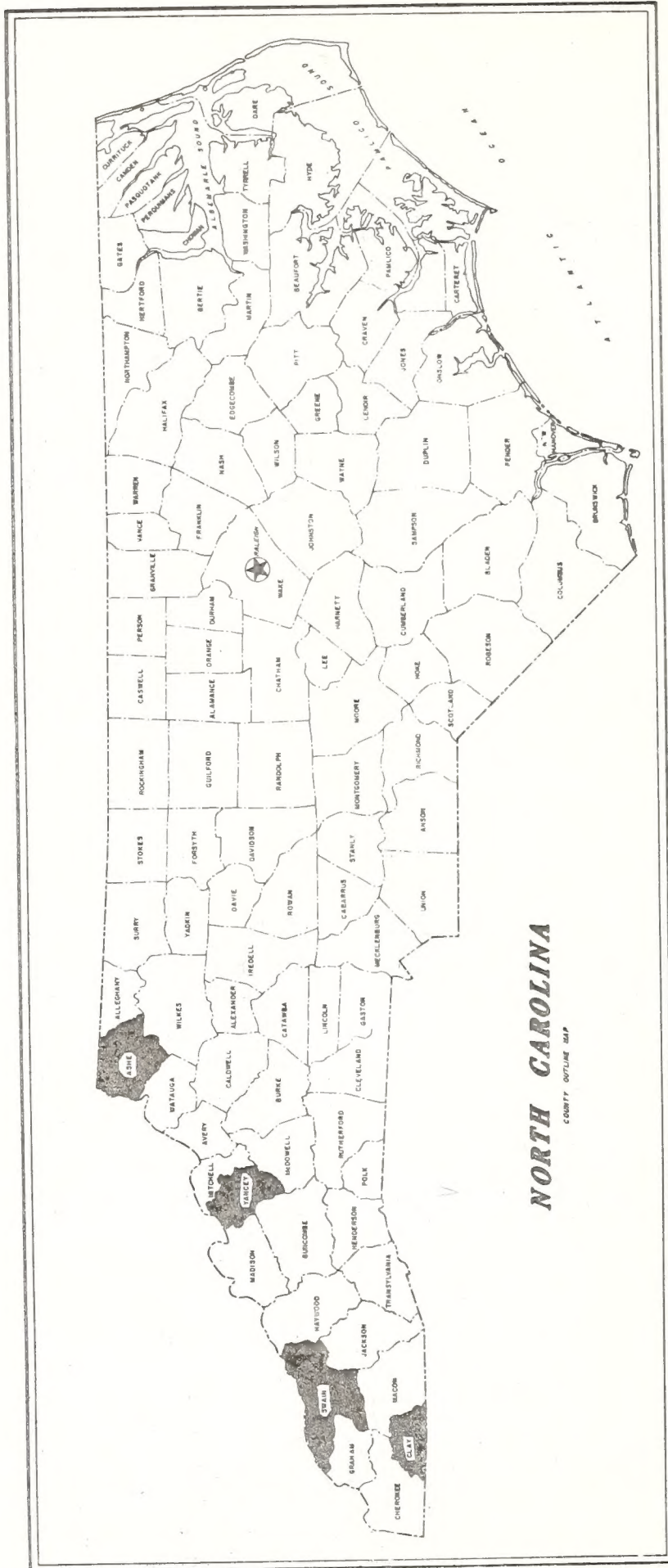
UNREGISTERED WHITE VOTERS

COUNTY	ESTIMATED UNREGISTERED WHITE VOTERS (July 1, 1978)	COUNTY	ESTIMATED UNREGISTERED WHITE VOTERS (July 1, 1978)	COUNTY	ESTIMATED UNREGISTERED WHITE VOTERS (July 1, 1978)
Alamance	23,929	Forsyth	37,570	Onslow	46,737
Alexander	3,330	Franklin	4,880	Orange	16,907
Alleghany	1,065	Gaston	49,459	Pamlico	1,536
Anson	3,416	Gates	587	Pasquotank	6,460
Ashe	1,599	Graham	190	Pender	3,482
Avery	3,378	Granville	5,694	Perquimans	1,466
Beaufort	7,069	Greene	1,558	Person	4,567
Bertie	2,958	Guilford	55,490	Pitt	17,207
Bladen	4,525	Halifax	6,775	Polk	1,359
Brunswick	5,695	Harnett	13,322	Randolph	23,066
Buncombe	45,218	Haywood	11,358	Richmond	8,231
Burke	13,644	Henderson	11,055	Robeson	9,164
Cabarrus	20,541	Hertford	3,513	Rockingham	22,428
Caldwell	13,575	Hoke	3,055	Rowan	23,447
Camden	918	Hyde	746	Rutherford	12,916
Carteret	7,085	Iredell	17,922	Sampson	7,360
Caswell	3,193	Jackson	5,173	Scotland	5,606
Catawba	28,092	Johnston	12,746	Stanly	9,013
Chatham	3,942	Jones	1,397	Stokes	3,116
Cherokee	2,241	Lee	6,885	Surry	13,521
Chowan	1,593	Lenoir	9,657	Swain	67
Clay	0 *	Lincoln	5,892	Transylvania	3,150
Cleveland	19,460	Macon	4,043	Tyrrell	539
Columbus	7,562	Madison	3,233	Union	17,515
Craven	20,728	Martin	3,025	Vance	5,052
Cumberland	84,947	McDowell	9,379	Wake	58,802
Currituck	2,962	Mecklenburg	75,652	Warren	1,210
Dare	1,232	Mitchell	2,708	Washington	2,267
Davidson	25,764	Montgomery	2,639	Watauga	7,648
Davie	3,900	Moore	8,468	Wayne	20,379
Duplin	4,732	Nash	13,663	Wilkes	10,622
Durham	21,591	New Hanover	20,613	Wilson	11,001
Edgecombe	7,619	Northampton	2,508	Yadkin	5,930
				Yancey	1,784

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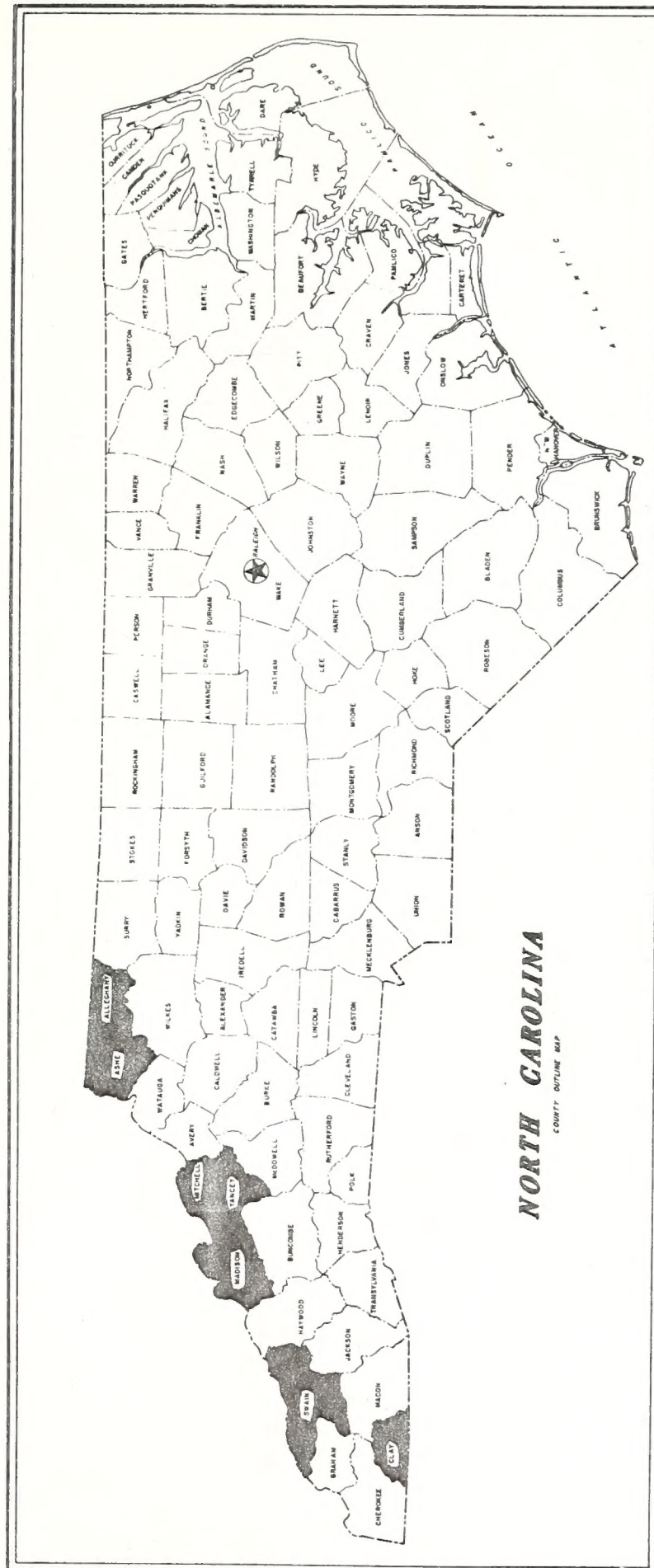
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COUNTIES WITH MORE THAN 50 PERCENTAGE POINT DISPARITY



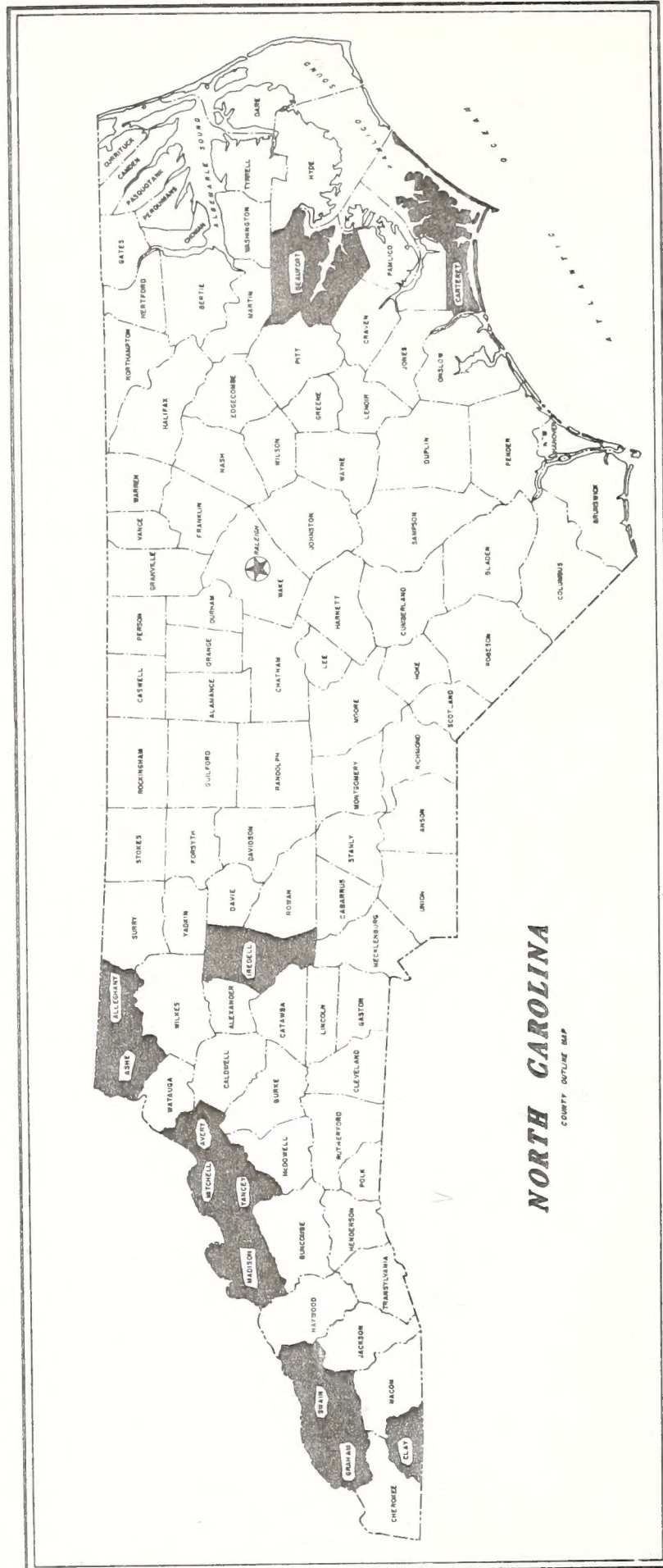
In the four counties that are shown darkened on this map the percentage of Non-white voter registration is more than fifty percentage points lower than the percentage of White voter registration.

COUNTIES WITH MORE THAN 40 PERCENTAGE POINT DISPARITY



In the seven counties that are shown darkened on this map the percentage of Non-white voter registration is more than forty percentage points lower than the percentage of White voter registration.

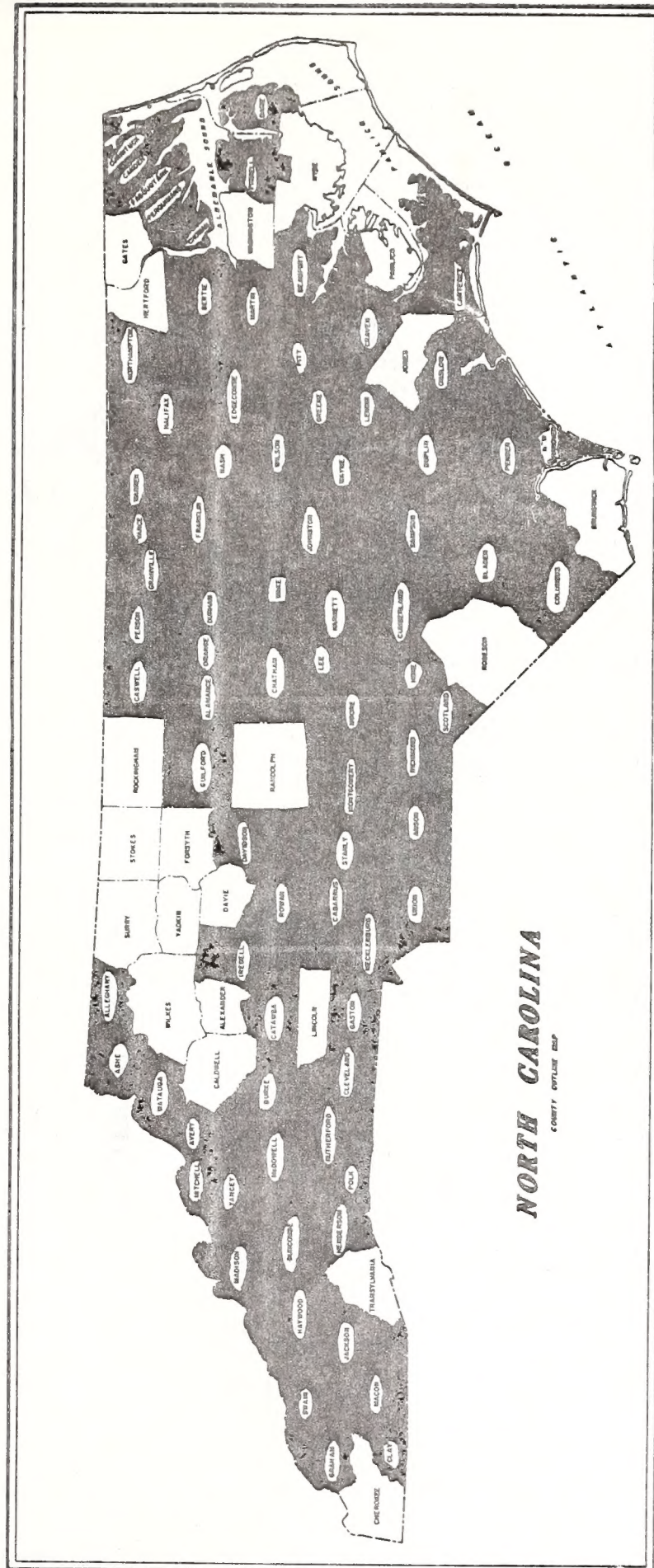
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In the twelve counties that are shown darkened on this map the percentage of Non-white voter registration is more than 30 percentage points lower than the percentage of White voter registration.

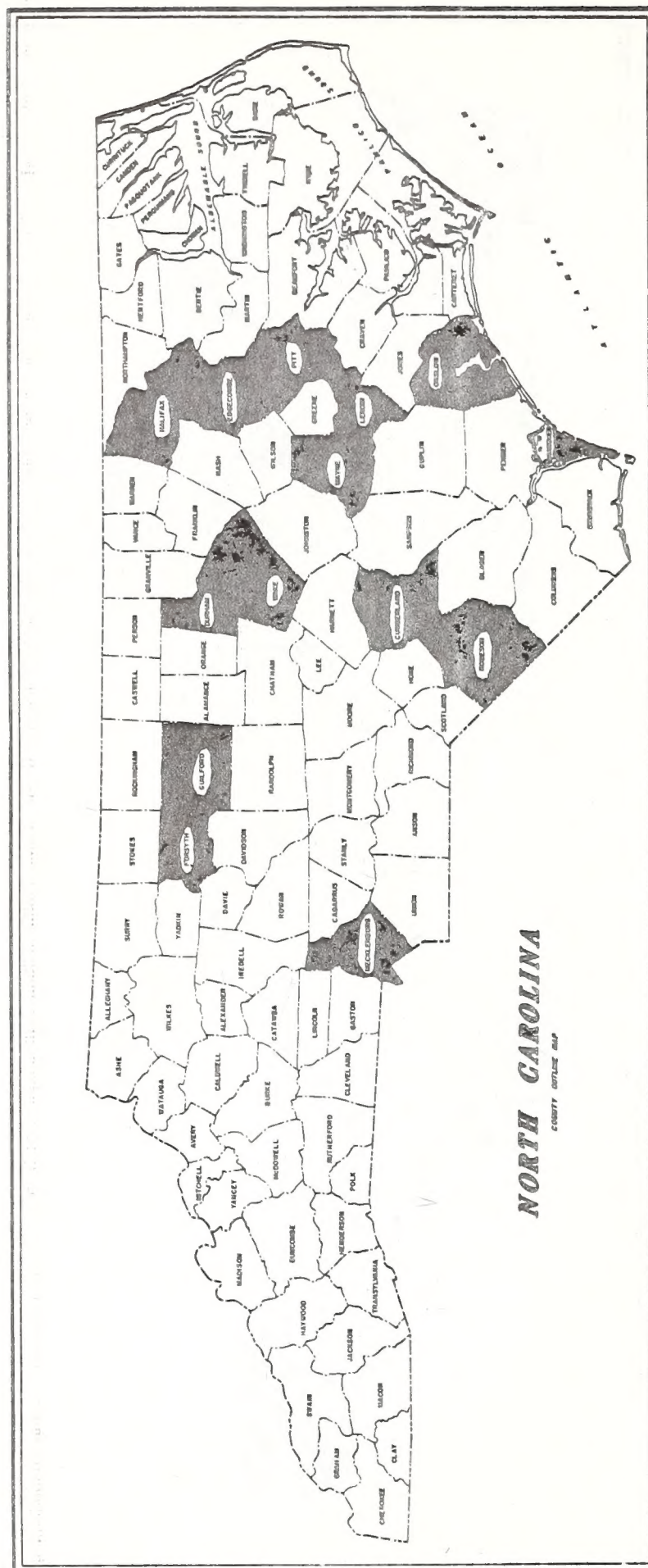
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NON-WHITE REGISTRATION PERCENTAGE COMPARED TO WHITE AVERAGE



The percentage of White voter registration is 62% of the voting age population for the State of North Carolina as a whole. The twenty-one counties with percentages of Non-white voter registration which are equal to or greater than this average of 62% are indicated by white on the map. The seventy-nine other counties have Non-white voter registration percentages below the average percentage for White voters in the State.

COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBERS OF UNREGISTERED MINORITIES OF VOTING AGE



Cumberland	37,354	Guilford	26,116	New Hanover	10,470	Wake	27,626
Durham	21,816	Halifax	10,653	Onslow	11,296	Wayne	15,726
Edgecombe	10,009	Lenoir	10,823	Pitt	12,882		
Forsyth	13,050	Mecklenburg	38,362	Robeson	12,194		

Note: This is partly because these counties have larger populations of Non-white as a whole.

METHODOLOGY

In order to calculate Voting Age Population, North Carolina Population Projections (1978) published by the Division of State Budget and Management, which has projections on July 1, 1978 population by age, race, and sex, was relied upon.

To get "Voting Age Population", the percentages of individuals who were under voting age in the county were added (in this example Alamance County) in order to subtract this percentage from 100%. However, within the 15-19 year category, only individuals who were 18 or 19 years old were included; these would be of voting age. To derive this, examine the age breakdown for the State as a whole for 1978. The 15-17 year olds constituted 58.8% of the total individuals in the 15-19 year category. (See inset)

NORTH CAROLINA SINGLE YEAR OF AGE ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS

Age	April 1 1970*	July 1 1976	July 1 1977	July 1 1978
0	90,504	81,205	85,719	86,743
1	87,774	81,486	81,361	83,792
2	84,690	84,794	81,643	79,533
3	85,718	86,085	84,958	79,808
4	88,809	89,179	86,250	83,048
5	94,824	95,774	89,213	86,070
6	99,235	86,576	95,929	89,166
7	100,111	87,814	85,722	95,877
8	100,688	87,814	87,609	84,683
9	100,469	87,814	88,115	87,215
10	107,265	90,150	90,342	91,877
11	101,550	92,620	92,772	91,526
12	103,657	102,499	94,710	93,872
13	103,668	101,264	105,774	95,220
14	105,199	103,733	104,150	107,327
15	103,536	96,983	110,596	109,903
16	101,753	109,417	101,480	113,250
17	101,482	102,621	115,551	102,674
18	107,468	105,319	108,210	118,007
19	105,820	118,616	111,153	110,339

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Then apply the 58.8% percentage figure to the 15-19 year category in each column to get the percentage of individuals in the category who were not of voting age. For example, in the Alamance County example, (see inset) this was the procedure: $6.34 + 6.99 + 7.77 + (8.60 \times .588) = 26.1568$

ALAMANCE

ESTIMATED POPULATION, JULY 1, 1978, BY AGE, RACE, AND SEX

AGE	TOTAL	WHITE			NONWHITE		
		TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
TOTAL	100470	82207	39227	42980	18263	8592	9671
0-4	6796	5216	2566	2650	1580	791	789
5-9	7468	5745	2907	2838	1723	853	870
10-14	8255	6391	3203	3188	1864	917	947
15-19	8974	7071	3596	3475	1903	923	980
20-24	8585	6914	3419	3495	1671	759	912
25-29	8188	6733	3374	3359	1455	663	792
30-34	7277	6007	2991	3016	1270	564	706
35-39	5875	4828	2349	2479	1047	507	540
40-44	5497	4578	2201	2377	919	422	497
45-49	5767	4902	2349	2553	865	380	485
50-54	6104	5248	2484	2764	856	400	456
55-59	5901	5058	2331	2727	843	379	464
60-64	5106	4342	1941	2401	764	358	406
65-69	4083	3496	1477	2019	587	269	318
70-74	3017	2592	1016	1576	425	199	226
75-79	1814	1581	556	1025	233	98	135
80-84	1026	891	290	601	135	61	74
85&UP	737	614	177	437	123	49	74

PERCENT OF COLUMN TOTAL

0-4	6.76	NOT VOTING AGE	6.34	6.54	6.17	NOT VOTING AGE	8.65	9.21	8.16
5-9	7.43		6.99	7.41	6.60		9.43	9.93	9.00
10-14	8.22		7.77	8.17	7.42		10.21	10.67	9.79
15-19	8.93		8.60	9.17	8.09		10.42	10.74	10.13
20-24	8.54	VOTING AGE	8.41	8.72	8.13	VOTING AGE	9.15	8.83	9.43
25-29	8.15		8.19	8.60	7.82		7.97	7.72	8.19
30-34	7.24		7.31	7.62	7.02		6.95	6.56	7.30
35-39	5.85		5.87	5.99	5.77		5.73	5.90	5.58
40-44	5.47		5.57	5.61	5.53		5.03	4.91	5.14
45-49	5.74		5.96	5.99	5.94		4.74	4.42	5.01
50-54	6.08		6.38	6.33	6.43		4.69	4.66	4.72
55-59	5.87		6.15	5.94	6.34		4.62	4.41	4.80
60-64	5.08		5.28	4.95	5.59		4.18	4.17	4.20
65-69	4.06		4.25	3.77	4.70		3.21	3.13	3.29
70-74	3.00		3.15	2.59	3.67		2.33	2.32	2.34
75-79	1.81		1.92	1.42	2.38		1.28	1.14	1.40
80-84	1.02		1.09	0.74	1.40		0.74	0.71	0.77
85&UP	0.73		0.75	0.45	1.02		0.67	0.57	0.77

This was converted to a negative number and subtracted from 100. to get the percentage of individuals who were of voting age.

$$100. - 26.1568 = 73.8432\%$$

This percentage of voting age Whites was then multiplied by the total number of Whites (82,207) to get the total number of voting age Whites.

$$.738432 \times 82207 = 60,704 \text{ Voting Age Whites}$$

This process was repeated for the Non-whites

$$8.65 + 9.43 + 10.21 = (.588 \times 10.42) = 34.41696$$

$$100. - 34.41696 = 65.58304\%$$

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$.655834 \times 18,263 = 11,977$ Non-whites of voting age.

To get the total number of individuals of voting age, the totals for Whites and Non-whites were added.

$11,977 + 60,704 = 72,681$ Total individuals of voting age.

In order to take into account the populations of varying ages in various counties, this process was repeated for each of the 100 counties. The results of this process can be seen in Table 3.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

1. Registration Statistics Part II -(Racial and Miscellaneous Designations)
As of April 3, 1978, State Board of Elections. (This source provided the statistics on registered voters in Table 3.)
2. North Carolina Population Projections - Division of State Budget and Management, Department of Administration 1978. (This source provided the statistics on population (Table 5) and from these the statistics on voting age population (Table 4) were derived.)
3. Profile of North Carolina Counties - Division of State Budget and Management, Department of Administration 1977. (This source provided the map used for the illustrations.)
4. National Roster of Black Elected Officials 1977 - Joint Center for Political Studies, Washington, D.C. (This source provided information on Black elected officials in North Carolina, as seen in Tables 1 and 2.)
5. Source of Tables 6 and 7 (pages 17-18)
Using Alamance County as an example, the State Board of Elections figures in Table 3 indicate 4,808 Non-white registered voters. Subtracting 4,808 from the estimated Non-white voting age population (Table 4) of 11,977 yields a figure of 7,169 — as seen in Table 6.

Figures listed in Tables 6 and 7 were arrived at in similar fashion.

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